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February Highlights

Summarized below are highlights from the major data categories presented. Remaining data presented in this report are within the ranges historically measured for their respective parameters and locations.

RFP Laboratory Status - In August 1992, the General Laboratory at Rocky Flats Plant (RFP) was shut down because of concerns associated with the secondary containment for the laboratory's aqueous process waste system. Samples for nonradioactive parameters taken under the RFP Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and normally analyzed in the General Laboratory had been sent to offsite contract laboratories for analyses. In late January, the General Laboratory resumed normal operations. All NPDES samples for February 1993 were submitted and analyzed by the General Laboratory. Results were within expected ranges and no NPDES exceedances were reported.

The Radiological Health Laboratory has also resumed normal operations. Overtime work in the Radiological Health Laboratory continued in February to assist in eliminating sample backlogs. The backlog work is showing positive results and the laboratory is continuing to work off its backlog. Airborne effluent sample analyses are now complete. Errata for ambient air and water will be presented upon completion of individual errata tables.

Airborne Effluent Calculations - All 1992 plutonium and americium effluent data are complete and presented in Table 1 of this report. The data for one plutonium and one americium location in January are missing because Quality Assurance Criteria were not satisfied. The samples are being rerun. In addition, the data for some plutonium locations are missing in February because Quality Assurance Criteria were not satisfied. These samples also are being rerun. The reported results are within the ranges typically measured for airborne effluent calculations.

Uranium Airborne Effluent Concentrations - All uranium airborne effluent data for Calendar Year 1992 are complete and reported in Table 2 of this report. The November airborne effluent data for two uranium locations were higher than expected. The reruns for these locations were within the normal range. The results were averaged for reporting purposes.

The data for 12 uranium locations in February are missing because Quality Assurance Criteria were not satisfied. The samples are being rerun and will be reported as it becomes available.

Tritium and Beryllium Effluent Concentration - All data for 1992 tritium and beryllium effluent releases is complete and reported in Table 3.

Plutonium Concentrations in Ambient Air - February represents the first time in several months that plutonium concentrations in ambient air have been reported. Tables 4, 5, and 6 provide the results of plutonium concentrations in ambient air for onsite samplers, perimeter samplers, and community samplers. Results are within normally expected ranges.

Data from community sampler S-60 in Westminster is not reported because air volume information was not available. In the latter part of February, the S-60 sampler was moved to the S-4 location on plantsite to replace an out-of-service sampler.

Total Long-lived Alpha and Beta Activity Screening - Total long-lived alpha and beta activity screening, performed on air effluent sample filters prior to radiochemical processing and analysis, have not been affected by the difficulties with the Radiological Health Laboratories, and is continuing on schedule. Results of this screening for February are within normally expected ranges. Gross alpha and gross beta analyses for Pond A-4 discharges are also well within normally expected ranges.

1. Introduction

The Rocky Flats Plant (RFP) has been part of a nationwide Department of Energy (DOE) complex for the research, development, and production of nuclear weapons. The plant was responsible for fabricating nuclear weapons components from plutonium, uranium, beryllium, and stainless steel. The primary production activities included metal fabrication and assembly, chemical recovery and purification of process-produced transuranic radionuclides, and related quality control functions.

This mission changed with the announcement in early 1992 that certain planned weapons systems had been canceled. RFP no longer produces weapons components, and is now in a transition phase into decontamination and disposition (D&D). Primary objectives of this new mission include achieving and maintaining compliance with environmental regulatory requirements, as well as effecting proper D&D steps that are under development.

Because radioactive and chemically hazardous materials may be used or handled at RFP during transition, the plant maintains an extensive environmental protection program. Included in that program is regular monitoring for radioactive and hazardous constituents at onsite, plant boundary, and offsite locations.

This Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report summarizes the effluent and environmental monitoring programs at the RFP for February 1993. Data presented herein reflect the best information available to the RFP at this time. If subsequent analyses indicate that any data presented herein are inaccurate or misleading, revisions will be issued promptly.

Summarized in the Executive Summary are highlights from the major data categories presented. Remaining data presented in this report are within the ranges historically measured for their respective parameters and locations.

Radiation standards for protection of the public are discussed in Appendix A of this report. The primary standards are based on calculations of radiation dose. These calculations are performed annually using monitoring data presented in the Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report. Radiation doses to the public from RFP operations are typically well below any regulatory limit and far less than are received from naturally occurring radiation sources in the Denver metropolitan area.

Appendix B lists the Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) for which monitoring is required under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System/Federal Facilities Compliance Agreement (NPDES/FFCA). Appendix C describes Colorado Water Quality Control Commission standards for the Walnut Creek and Woman Creek drainages downstream of RFP.

Error terms in the form of "a±b" are included with some of the data. For a single sample, "a" is the analytical-blank corrected value; for multiple samples it represents the arithmetic mean, the volume-weighted mean, or the annual total, as indicated in the table. The error term "b" accounts for the propagated statistical counting uncertainty of the sample(s) and the associated analytical blanks at the 95 percent confidence level. These error terms represent a minimum estimate of error for the data.

Plutonium, uranium, americium, tritium, and beryllium measured concentrations are given in this report. Most of the measured concentrations are at or very near background levels, and often there is little or no amount of these materials in the media analyzed. When this occurs, the results of the laboratory analyses can be expected to show a statistical distribution of positive and negative numbers near zero and numbers that are less than the calculated minimum detectable concentration for the analyses. The laboratory analytical blanks, used to correct for background contributions to the measurements, show a similar statistical distribution around their average values. Negative sample values result when the measured value for a laboratory analytical blank is subtracted from a sample analytical result smaller than the analytical blank value. Results that are less than calculated minimum detectable levels indicate that the results are below the level of statistical confidence in the actual numerical values. All reported results, including negative values and values that are less than minimum detectable levels, are included in any arithmetic calculations on the data set. Reporting all values allows all of the data to be evaluated using appropriate statistical treatment. This assists in identifying any bias in the analyses, allows better evaluation of distributions and trends in environmental data, and helps in estimating the true sensitivity of the measurement process.

The reader should use caution in interpreting individual values that are negative or less than minimum detectable levels. A negative value has no physical significance. Values less than minimum detectable levels lack statistical confidence as to what the actual number is, although it is known with high confidence that it is below the specified

detection level. Such values should not be interpreted as being the actual amount of material in the sample, but should be seen as reflecting a range (from zero to the minimum detectable level) in which the actual amount would likely lie. These values are significant, however, when taken together with other analytical results that indicate that the distribution is near zero.

The data in this report are provided as a matter of courtesy and should not be construed as an application for a permit or license, or in support of such an application. Approval of the DOE should be obtained before publication of any data contained in this report.

Abbreviations used within this report are as defined.

Abbreviations

C Average	Average concentration
C Maximum	Maximum concentration
C Minimum	Minimum concentration
m^3	Cubic meter
m/s	Meters per second
mCi	Millicurie
mg/l	Milligrams per liter
mrem	Millirem
pCi/l	Picocuries per liter
pCi/m^3	Picocuries per cubic meter
pH	Hydrogen ion concentration
SU	Standard Unit
$\mu g/m^3$	Micrograms per cubic meter
#/100 ml	Number per 100 milliliter
µCi	Microcurie
µg/l	Micrograms per liter

2. Air

2.1 Airborne Effluent

RFP continuously monitors radionuclide air emissions at 53 locations in 17 buildings. The requirements outlined in the General Environmental Protection Programs (DOE Order 5400.1) and the National Emission Standards for Emissions of Radionuclides Other Than Radon From DOE Facilities (40 CFR 61, Subpart H), mandate the continuous monitoring of air emissions at all release points with the potential of discharging radionuclides into the air in quantities that could result in an effective dose equivalent (EDE) greater than 0.1 millirem per year.

The radiological particulate monitoring and sampling program uses a three-tier approach comprising Selective Alpha Air Monitors (SAAMs), total long-lived alpha screening of routine air duct emission sample filters, and radiochemical analysis of isotopes collected from air duct emission samples. This approach balances both sensitivity and timeliness of desired results. Figure 1 shows a typical radiological emission sampler configuration within an exhaust duct at the RFP.

For immediate detection of abnormal conditions, RFP building ventilation systems that service areas containing plutonium are equipped with SAAMs. SAAMs are sensitive to specific alpha particle energies and are set to detect plutonium-239 and -240. These detectors are subjected to daily operational checks, monthly performance testing and calibration for airflow, and an annual radioactive source calibration to maintain sensitivity and reliability. Monitors alarm automatically if out-of-tolerance conditions are experienced.

At regular intervals, particulate material samples from a continuous sampling system are removed from each exhaust system and radiometrically analyzed for long-lived alpha and beta emitters. The concentration of long-lived alpha and beta emitters is indicative of effluent quality and overall performance of the High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filtration system. If the total long-lived alpha concentration for an effluent sample exceeds the RFP action value of 0.020×10^{-12} microcuries per milliliter, a follow-up investigation is conducted to determine the cause and to evaluate the need for corrective action. The action value is equal to the most restrictive offsite Derived Concentration Guide (DCG) for plutonium activity in air.

At the end of each month, individual samples from each exhaust system are composited by location. An aliquot of each dissolved composite sample is analyzed for beryllium particulate materials. The remainder of the dissolved sample is subjected to radiochemical separation and alpha spectral analysis that quantifies specific alpha-emitting radionuclides. Analyses for uranium isotopes are conducted for each composite sample.

Forty-one of the ventilation exhaust systems are located in buildings where plutonium processing is conducted. Particulate material samples from these exhaust systems are analyzed for specific isotopes of plutonium and americium. Typically, americium contributes only a small fraction of the total alpha activity release from RFP.

Processes ventilated from several exhaust systems potentially exhibit trace quantities of tritium contamination. Impingers-type samplers are used to collect samples three times each week from the monitored locations. Tritium concentrations in the sample are measured using a liquid scintillation photospectrometer.

The calibration methodology for the beryllium analyses was changed beginning with the September 1990 samples to improve quality assurance. The previous procedure used the single-point, "simple method of additions," one of the methods recommended by the manufacturer of the graphite furnace atomic absorption analytical equipment. The current method is based on EPA Contract Laboratory Program protocol. It uses multi-point calibration curves, periodic validation of the curve with EPA validation standards, and periodic blank and sample checks to assure absence of equipment contamination and matrix effects during the analysis.

Tables 1 through 3 show monitoring results for radioactive and nonradioactive airborne effluents continuously sampled from plant buildings.

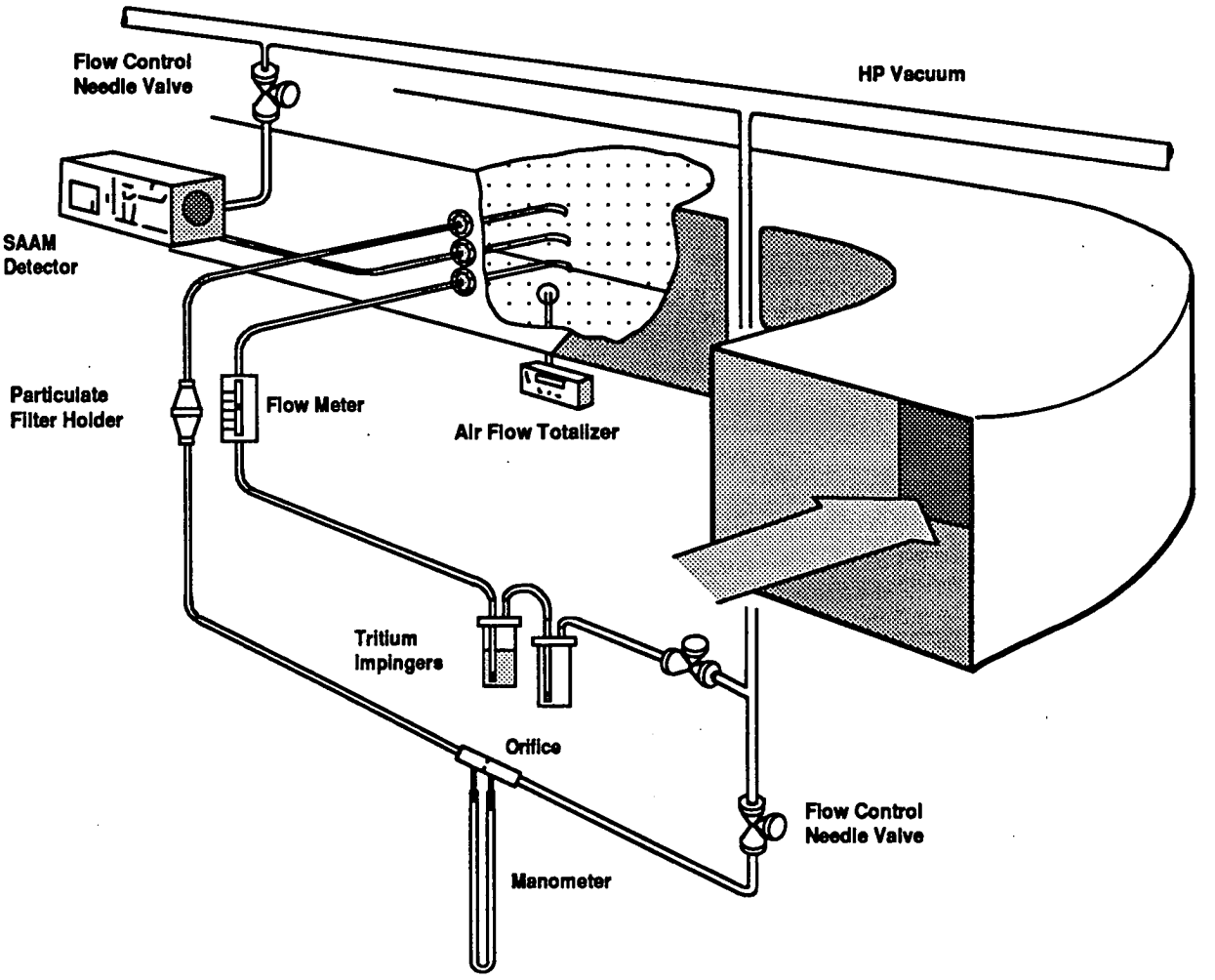


Figure 1: Radiological Effluent Air Sampling System

Table 1

Plutonium and Americium Airborne Effluent Data

Month	Plutonium-239, -240 (1/15/93 - 2/12/93) Release (µCi)	Plutonium-239, -240 (1/15/93 - 2/12/93) C Maximum (pCi/m³)	Americium-241 (1/15/93 - 2/12/93) Release (µCi)	Americium-241 (1/15/93 - 2/12/93) C Maximum (pCi/m³)
1992				
January [a]	0.0320 ± 0.0045	0.0002 ± 0.0001	0.0078 ± 0.0033	0.0003 ± 0.0001
February [a]	0.0225 ± 0.0037	0.0001 ± 0.0000	0.0088 ± 0.0030	0.0003 ± 0.0001
March	0.0330 ± 0.0051	0.0002 ± 0.0001	0.0143 ± 0.0029	0.0012 ± 0.0002
April [a]	0.0182 ± 0.0031	0.0001 ± 0.0000	0.0070 ± 0.0026	0.0001 ± 0.0000
May	0.0249 ± 0.0039	0.0002 ± 0.0001	0.0198 ± 0.0037	0.0001 ± 0.0000
June	0.0839 ± 0.0109	0.0014 ± 0.0002	0.1069 ± 0.0141	0.0010 ± 0.0002
July [a]	0.0135 ± 0.0029	0.0003 ± 0.0001	0.0054 ± 0.0030	0.0001 ± 0.0000
August [a]	0.0204 ± 0.0036	0.0001 ± 0.0000	0.0084 ± 0.0027	0.0000 ± 0.0000
September [a]	0.0429 ± 0.0042	0.0013 ± 0.0002	0.0147 ± 0.0028	0.0008 ± 0.0001
October	0.0256 ± 0.0034	0.0001 ± 0.0000	0.0096 ± 0.0034	0.0001 ± 0.0000
November [a]	0.0168 ± 0.0036[b]	0.0001[b] ± 0.0000	0.0169 ± 0.0038[b]	0.0001[b] ± 0.0000
December [a]	0.0503 ± 0.0063[b]	0.0016[b] ± 0.0003	0.0261 ± 0.0039[b]	0.0012[b] ± 0.0002
Year to Date	0.3841 ± 0.0552	0.0016 ± 0.0003	0.2457 ± 0.0493	0.0012 ± 0.0002
1993				
January	0.0321 ± 0.0043[c]	0.0006 ± 0.0001	0.0060 ± 0.0028[c]	0.0000 ± 0.0000
February	0.0167 ± 0.0032[d]	0.0003 ± 0.0001	0.0031 ± 0.0018[e]	0.0000 ± 0.0000

[a] The data for some locations were missing because of failure of Quality Assurance Criteria and were not available because no additional sample remained for analysis. Best estimates of release activities for these samples were included in the Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report.

[b] Previously reported as incomplete laboratory analysis.

[c] The data for one plutonium and for one americium location are missing due to failure of Quality Assurance Criteria. The samples are being rerun.

[d] The data for 11 plutonium locations are missing due to failure of Quality Assurance Criteria. Samples are being rerun.

[e] The data for 22 americium locations are being reported one month early. Data for the remaining locations will be reported next month.

Table 2

Uranium Airborne Effluent Data

Month	Uranium-233, -234 (1/15/93 - 2/12/93) Release (µCi)	C Maximum (pCi/m³)	Uranium-238 (1/15/93 - 2/12/93) Release (µCi)	C Maximum (pCi/m³)
1992				
January	-0.0059 ± 0.0073	0.0001 ± 0.0000	0.0294 ± 0.0081	0.0001 ± 0.0000
February [a]	0.0299 ± 0.0089	0.0001 ± 0.0000	0.0737 ± 0.0096	0.0004 ± 0.0001
March	0.0294 ± 0.0088	0.0001 ± 0.0000	0.0642 ± 0.0094	0.0007 ± 0.0002
April	0.0264 ± 0.0092	0.0000 ± 0.0000	0.0504 ± 0.0095	0.0001 ± 0.0000
May	0.0115 ± 0.0086	0.0000 ± 0.0000	0.0474 ± 0.0089	0.0001 ± 0.0000
June	0.0057 ± 0.0076	0.0001 ± 0.0000	0.0321 ± 0.0082	0.0001 ± 0.0000
July	0.0031 ± 0.0080	0.0000 ± 0.0000	0.0171 ± 0.0083	0.0003 ± 0.0001
August	0.0103 ± 0.0115	0.0001 ± 0.0000	0.0323 ± 0.0124	0.0001 ± 0.0001
September [a]	0.0314 ± 0.0103	0.0004 ± 0.0001	0.0989 ± 0.0175	0.0023 ± 0.0005
October	0.0468 ± 0.0083	0.0001 ± 0.0000	0.0663 ± 0.0090	0.0002 ± 0.0001
November	0.0710 ± 0.0087[b]	0.0036 ± 0.0006	0.0469 ± 0.0067[b]	0.0001 ± 0.0000
December [a]	0.0784 ± 0.0106[c]	0.0041[c] ± 0.0006	0.0410 ± 0.0084[c]	0.0002[c] ± 0.0000
Year to Date	0.3380 ± 0.1078	0.0041 ± 0.0006	0.5996 ± 0.1160	0.0023 ± 0.0005
1993				
January	0.0234 ± 0.0076[c]	0.0001 ± 0.0000	0.0526 ± 0.0089[c]	0.0004 ± 0.0001
February	0.0249 ± 0.0072[d]	0.0001 ± 0.0000	0.0403 ± 0.0075[d]	0.0001 ± 0.0001

a The data for some locations were missing because of failure of Quality Assurance Criteria and were not available because no additional sample remained for analysis. Best estimates of release activities for these samples were included in the January Monthly Environmental Report.

b The November data for two uranium locations were higher than normal. The reruns for these locations were within the normal range. The results were averaged for reporting purposes.

c Previously reported as incomplete laboratory analysis.

d The data for 12 uranium locations are missing due to failure of Quality Assurance Criteria. The samples are being rerun.

Table 3

Tritium and Beryllium Airborne Effluent Data

Month	Tritium (H-3) (1/29/93-2/26/93) Release (mCi)	Tritium (H-3) (1/29/93-2/26/93) C Maximum (pCi/m³)	Beryllium (1/15/93-2/12/93) Release (grams)	Beryllium (1/15/93-2/12/93) C Maximum (µg/m³)
1992				
January	0.7334	34 ± 9	0.0472 ± 0.0034	0.00047
February	0.5723	41 ± 14	0.0484 ± 0.0034	0.00024
March	0.3908	39 ± 7	0.0606 ± 0.0046	0.00066
April	0.0121	23 ± 5	0.0850 ± 0.0059	0.00052
May	0.1546	24 ± 7	0.0864 ± 0.0062	0.00039
June	0.2610	22 ± 7	0.0657 ± 0.0049	0.00023
July	0.1342	27 ± 4	0.0444 ± 0.0028	0.00029
August	0.1711	36 ± 5	0.0255 ± 0.0018[a]	0.00026
September	0.3731	38 ± 16	0.0358 ± 0.0034	0.00027
October	0.0551	117 ± 11	0.0550 ± 0.0037	0.00026
November	0.6842	80 ± 7	0.0376 ± 0.0026	0.00019
December	0.2573	67 ± 10	0.0240 ± 0.0016	0.00015
Year to date	3.7991	117 ± 11	0.6156 ± 0.0443	0.00066
1993				
January	0.1886	51 ± 7	0.0013[b] ± 0.0001	0.00008
February	0.8773	91 ± 7	[b]	

NOTE: Beryllium measured at the remaining 44 locations was below the screening level of 0.1 gram per month. Beryllium emissions from Rocky Flats Plant are regulated by the State of Colorado under Colorado Air Quality Control Regulation #8. The limit for beryllium air emissions is 10 grams per stationary source in a 24-hour period. No blank corrections are made to any beryllium data.

a The data for one location was not available. Best estimates of release activity for this sample was included in the January Monthly Environmental Report.
b Incomplete laboratory analysis.

2.2 Ambient

Ambient air samplers monitor plutonium concentrations in air in the surrounding environment. This monitoring is performed in accordance with DOE Order 5400.1. The data are used to determine the air-inhalation dose to the public for comparison with the DOE standard of 100 millirem per year effective dose equivalent from all modes of exposure from routine plant operations.

Samplers are designated in three categories by their proximity to the main facilities area. Twenty-five onsite samplers are located within RFP, generally downwind of RFP production facilities areas and near areas of known plutonium contamination. Fourteen perimeter samplers border RFP along major highways on the north (Highway 128), east (Indiana Street), south (Highway 72), and west (Highway 93) (Figure 2). Fourteen community samplers are located in metropolitan areas adjacent to RFP (Figure 3).

Samplers operate continuously at a volumetric flow rate of approximately 0.84 cubic meters per minute, collecting air particulates on 20- by 25-centimeter fiberglass filters. Manufacturer's test specifications rate this filter media to be 99.97 percent efficient for relevant particle sizes under conditions typically encountered in routine ambient air sampling.

Ambient air filters are collected biweekly and composited monthly by location before isotopic analysis. All routine ambient air filters are analyzed for plutonium-239 and -240.

Tables 4 through 6 summarize environmental monitoring data from the RFP ambient air sampling network.

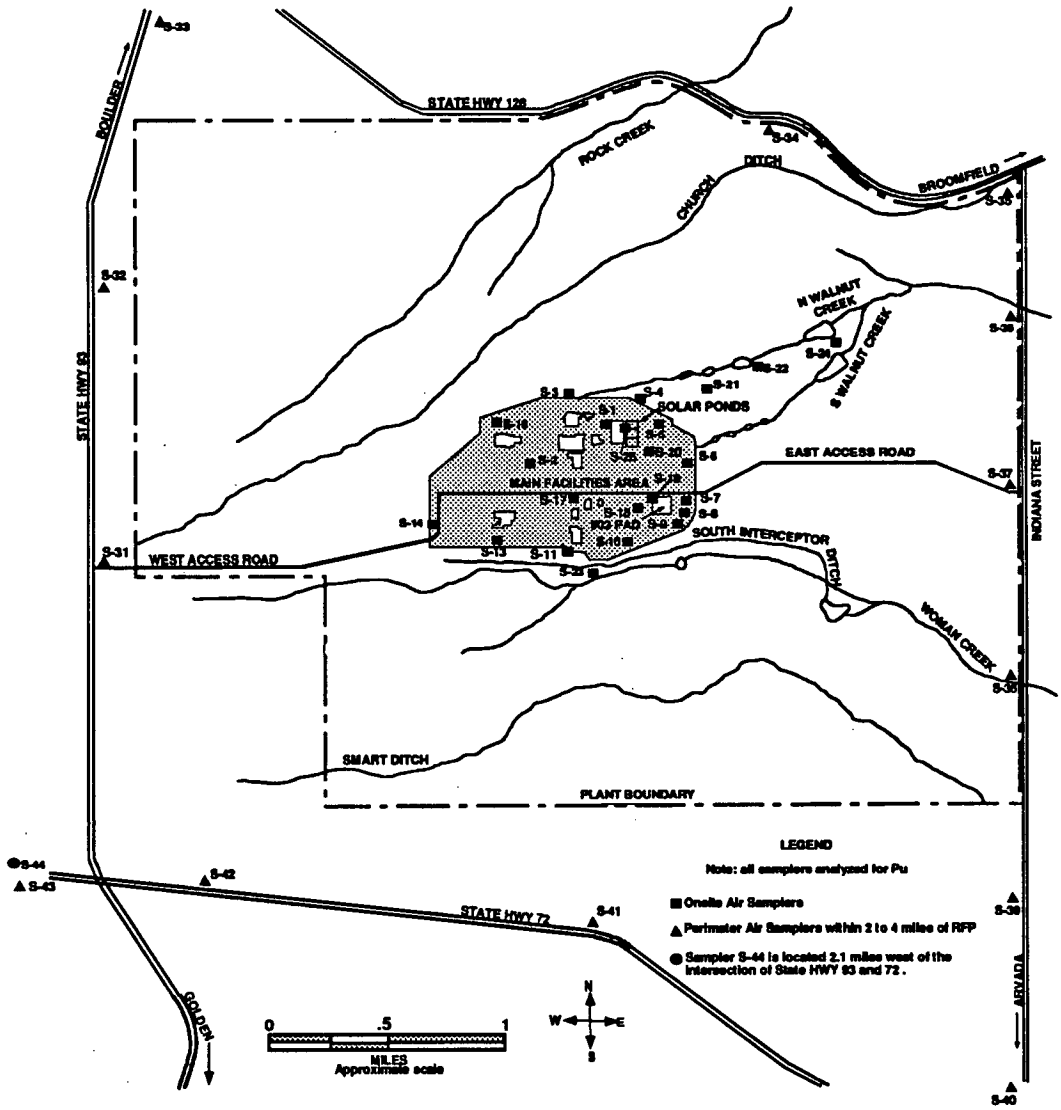


Figure 2: Location of Onsite and Perimeter Air Samplers

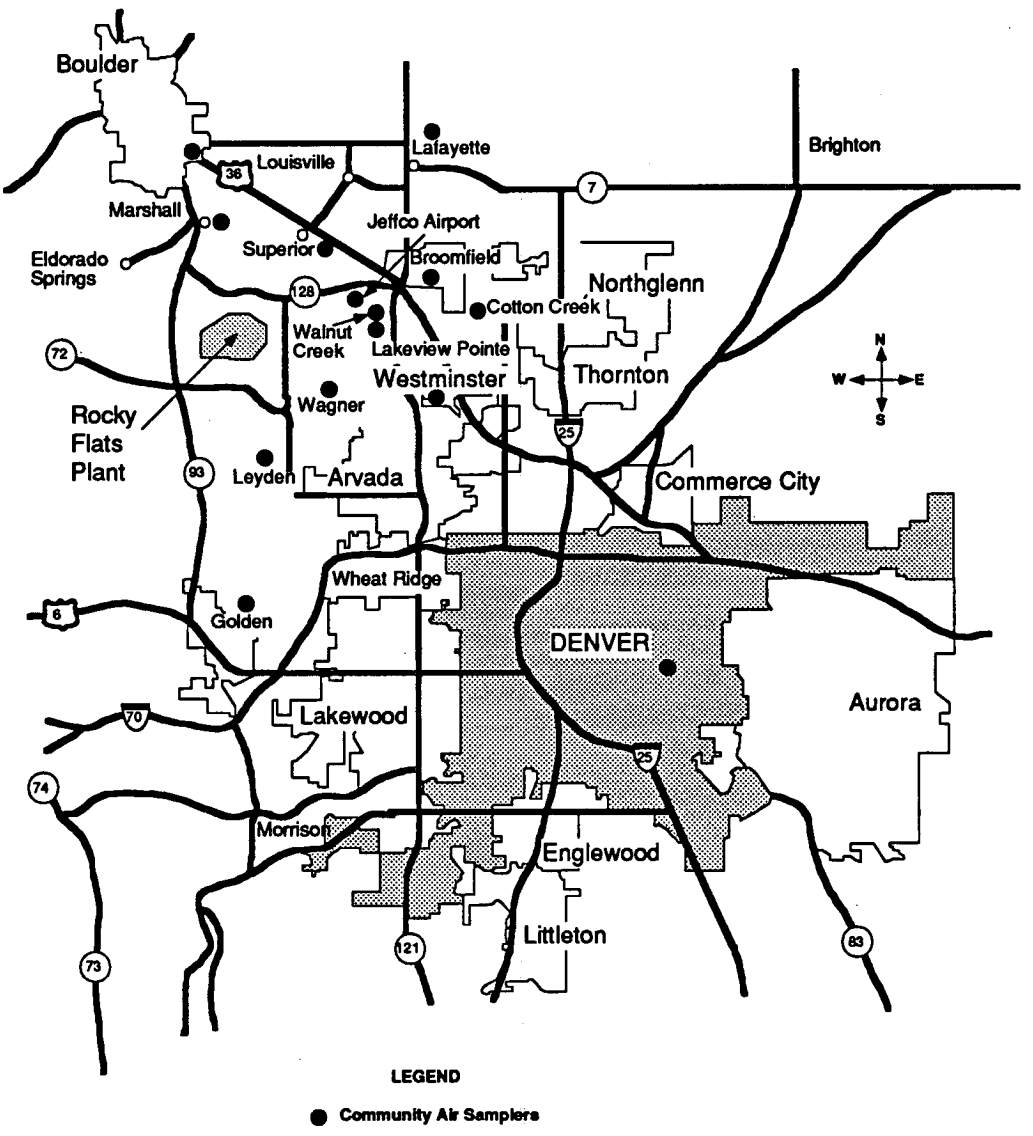


Figure 3: Location of Community Air Samplers

Table 4

Plutonium Concentrations in Ambient Air for Onsite Samplers

(1/18/93-2/15/93)

Location	Volume (m^3)	Plutonium Concentration (pCi/m^3)	± 95 percent Confidence Interval (pCi/m^3)
S-01[a]			
S-02[a]			
S-03	28543	.000002	.000002
S-04[a]			
S-05	34319	.000127	.000022
S-06	32433	.000047	.000011
S-07	33241	.000042	.000008
S-08	32648	.000164	.000024
S-09	33336	.000065	.000015
S-10	32439	.000007	.000004
S-12	31509	.000006	.000002
S-13	32345	.000003	.000002
S-14	28202	.000000	.000001
S-16	30946	.000009	.000003
S-17	29903	.000007	.000003
S-18	30311	.000022	.000005
S-19	33396	.000019	.000005
S-20	33099	.000012	.000004
S-21	33932	.000006	.000002
S-22	26132	.000002	.000002
S-23	31616	.000001	.000001
S-24	35639	.000001	.000001
S-25	35426	.000169	.000030
S-81[b]			

[a] These samplers were out of service
[b] Unable to incorporate new calibration data

Table 5

Plutonium Concentrations in Ambient Air for Perimeter Samplers

(1/19/93-2/16/93)

Location	Volume (m^3)	Plutonium Concentration (pCi/m^3)	± 95 percent Confidence Interval (pCi/m^3)
S-31	35677	.000005	.000003
S-32	35038	.000001	.000001
S-33	35963	.000000	.000000
S-34	33715	.000001	.000001
S-35	36129	.000000	.000001
S-36	31340	.000001	.000001
S-37	32625	.000000	.000001
S-38	32628	.000001	.000001
S-39	35694	.000001	.000001
S-40	31760	.000001	.000001
S-41	32558	.000001	.000001
S-42	29567	.000000	.000001
S-43	33654	.000000	.000001
S-44	30534	.000000	.000001

Table 6

Plutonium Concentrations in Ambient Air for Community Samplers

(1/20/93-2/17/93)

Location	Community Name	Volume (m^3)	Plutonium Concentration (pCi/m^3)	± 95 percent Confidence Interval (pCi/m^3)
S-51	Marshall	29654	.000000	.000001
S-52	Jeffco Airport	28917	.000000	.000000
S-53	Superior	31958	.000001	.000001
S-54	Boulder	34654	.000001	.000001
S-55[a]	Lafayette			
S-56	Broomfield	31375	.000001	.000001
S-57[a]	Walnut Creek			
S-58	Wagner	32019	.000000	.000001
S-59	Leyden	34411	.000000	.000001
S-60[b]	Westminster			
S-61[c]	Denver			
S-62	Golden	34921	.000000	.000000
S-68	Lakeview Pointe	35026	.000001	.000001
S-73	Cotton Creek	27161	.000000	.000001

a This sampler was damaged beyond repair and must be replaced.
b Sampler S-60 was relocated during the latter part of February, and air volume was unavailable.
c Sampler S-61 located in Denver was inoperative during this period. This sampler has been temporarily removed because of construction activities on the building where it is installed.

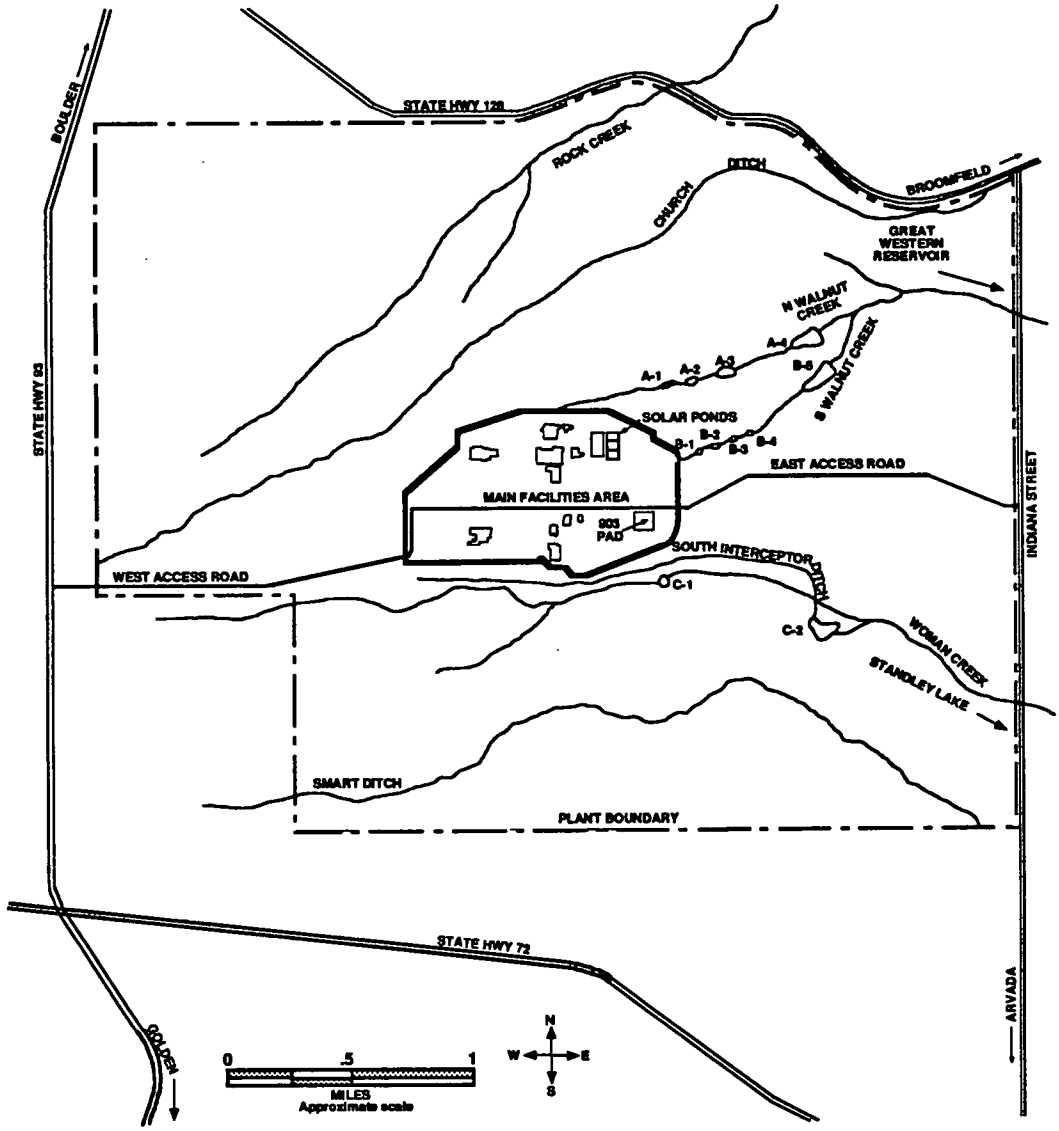
3. Water

3.1 Radionuclide

RFP samples for and analyzes radionuclides that may be present in the plant surface water control ponds and drinking water reservoirs. Radionuclide standards for discharge of surface water effluents are given in DOE Order 5400.5, "Radiation Protection of the Public and the Environment." In addition, the Colorado Water Quality Control Commission has issued stream segment standards for drainages downstream of RFP. These standards address both radioactive and nonradioactive parameters.

Water sampling is performed at several locations at RFP. These include ponds A-4, B-5, C-1, and C-2 as well as Walnut Creek at Indiana Street. Daily samples are collected during discharges or periods of flow for these locations, and composited into weekly samples. Analyses are then performed for plutonium, americium, and uranium isotopic concentrations.

Water sampling results for radioactive constituents are given in Tables 7 through 10.



Note: Stream flow in the Rocky Flats area is to the east.

Figure 4: Holding Pond and Liquid Effluent Water Courses

Table 7

Onsite Water Sample Results - Plutonium and Americium

Holding Pond Outfall (pCi/l)

Location	Plutonium-239, -240	Americium-241
Pond A-4		
02/13/93 - 02/19/93	0.001 ± 0.002	a
02/20/93 - 02/26/93	-0.002 ± 0.001	a
Volume weighted average concentration	-0.001 ± 0.001	a
Pond B-5 - No discharge		
Pond C-1		
01/30/93 - 02/05/93	0.006 ± 0.003	0.002 ± 0.002
02/06/93 - 02/12/93	0.007 ± 0.004	0.001 ± 0.001
02/13/93 - 02/19/93	0.002 ± 0.002	a
02/20/93 - 02/26/93	0.013 ± 0.006	a
Average concentration	0.007 ± 0.004	a
Pond C-2 - No discharge		
Walnut Creek at Indiana		
02/14/93 - 02/19/93	-0.002 ± 0.001	a
02/20/93 - 02/26/93	0.001 ± 0.002	a
Volume weighted average concentration	0.000 ± 0.001	a

a Incomplete lab analysis.

Table 8

Onsite Water Sample Results - Uranium

Holding Pond Outfall (pCi/l)

Location	Uranium-233, -234			Uranium-238		
Pond A-4						
02/13/93 - 02/19/93	a			a		
02/20/93 - 02/26/93	a			a		
Volume weighted average concentration	a			a		
Pond B-5 - No discharge						
Pond C-1						
01/30/93 - 02/05/93	a			a		
02/06/93 - 02/12/93	1.09	±	0.09	0.91	±	0.08
02/13/93 - 02/19/93	a			a		
02/20/93 - 02/26/93	a			a		
Average concentration	a			a		
Pond C-2 - No discharge						
Walnut Creek at Indiana						
02/14/93 - 02/19/93	a			a		
02/20/93 - 02/26/93	a			a		
Volume weighted average concentration	a			a		

a Incomplete lab analysis.

Table 9

Onsite Water Sample Results - Tritium

Location	Number of Samples	Tritium (pCi/l) C Minimum	C Maximum	C Average
Pond A-4[a]	14	-230 ± 90	270 ± 90	10 ± 20
Pond C-1	4	-170 ± 90	50 ± 90	-70 ± 90
Walnut at Indiana[a]	13	-330 ± 90	250 ± 90	10 ± 30

[a] Volume weighted average concentration.

3.2 Nonradionuclide

RFP conducts sitewide surface water sampling programs to monitor discharges from detention ponds, evaluate potential contaminant releases, and characterize baseline water quality. Nonradioactive parameters requirements for this monitoring are derived from the RFP EPA National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit as modified in March 1991, by a Federal Facilities Compliance Agreement (FFCA). The NPDES/FFCA permit sets limits for nonradioactive pollutants in effluent water from federal facilities.

The EPA has issued to the RFP an NPDES permit for control of surface water discharges. The RFP NPDES permit establishes effluent limitations for seven surface water discharge points, which may discharge into drainages leading off of the RFP.

Water sampling results associated with the NPDES/FFCA permit are reported in Table 10. Applicable NPDES/FFCA limits are included in Table 10 for comparison. Monitoring results for which no limits have been established under the NPDES/FFCA are reported in Table 11. Analytical results for nonradioactive parameters in water at Walnut Creek at the Indiana Street location are summarized in Table 12.

Table 10

NPDES/FFCA Permit Water Sample Results

Discharge 001-A (Pond B-3) Discharged continuously from 02/01/93 - 02/28/93.

Parameters		Measured 30-Day Average	Limit 30-Day Average	Measured Max. 7-Day Average	Limit Max. 7-Day Average
Nitrate	mg/l	1.3	10	1.8	20

		Measured Maximum	Limit Maximum
Total Residual Chlorine	mg/l	0.09	0.5

Discharge 001-B (Sewage Treatment Plant) Discharged continuously from 02/01/93 - 02/28/93.

Parameters		Measured 30-Day Average	Limit 30-Day Average	Measured Maximum	Limit Maximum
$CBOD_5$	mg/l	2.4	10	5.1	25
Total Phosphorus	mg/l	0.9	8	1.4	12
Total Chromium	mg/l	<0.005	0.05	<0.005	0.10

		Measured 30-Day Average	Limit 30-Day Average	Measured Max. 7-Day Average	Limit Max. 7-Day Average
Fecal Coliforms	#/100 ml	2(Geometric)	200 (Geometric)	6(Geometric)	400 (Geometric)
Total Suspended Solids	mg/l	4.7	30	6.7	45

		Measured Minimum	Limit Minimum	Measured Maximum	Limit Maximum
pH	SU	6.9	6.0	7.5	9.0

	Observed Sheen	Limit Sheen
Oil and Grease	No visual	No visual

Discharge 002 (Pond A-3) No Discharge

Parameters		Measured 30-Day Average	Limit 30-Day Average	Measured Maximum	Limit Maximum
Nitrates as N	mg/l		10		20

		Measured Minimum	Limit Minimum	Measured Maximum	Limit Maximum
pH	SU		6.0		9.0

Table 10

NPDES/FFCA Permit Water Sample Results (Continued)

Discharge 003 (RO Pilot Plant) and Discharge 004 (RO Plant) are inactive outfalls and will be eliminated from the new NPDES permit.

Discharge 005 (Pond A-4) Pond discharged continuously 02/16/93 - 02/26/93

Parameters		Measured Maximum	Limit Maximum
Total Chromium	mg/l	<0.005	0.05

Discharge 006 (Pond B-5) No discharge.

Parameters		Measured 30-Day Average	Limit 30-Day Average	Measured Max. 7-Day Maximum	Limit Max. 7-Day Maximum
Nitrate as Na	mg/l		10		20

Parameters		Measured Maximum	Limit Maximum
Total Residual Chlorine[a]	mg/l		0.5
Total Chromium	mg/l		0.05

Discharge 007 (Pond C-2) No discharge.

Parameters		Measured Maximum	Limit Maximum
Total Chromium	mg/l		0.05

a These parameters are measured only in the event that Waste Water Treatment Plant effluent bypasses Pond B-3 and flows directly into Pond B-5.

Table 11

NPDES/FFCA Effluent Monitoring

Discharge 001-A (Pond B-3) Pond discharged continously 02/01/93 - 02/28/93.

Parameters		Measured Maximum	Measured 30-Day Average
BOD_5	mg/l	20	13
$CBOD_5$	mg/l	4	3
Total Suspended Solids	mg/l	11	8

Discharge 001-B (Sewage Treatment Plant [STP]) Discharged continuously from 02/01/93 - 02/28/93.

Parameters		Measured Maximum	Measured 30-Day Average
Nirtrate as N	mg/l	4.08	1.07
Total Residual Chlorine	mg/l	0.61	0.04

Whole Effluent Toxicity[a] Sampled quarterly; data reported 12/92

Ceriodaphnia % Eff to LC_{50}:

Fathead Minnows % EFF to LC_{50}:

		Measured 30-Day Average
Metals	ug/l	
Antimony		<21
Arsenic		<1.0
Beryllium		<1.0
Cadmium		1.74
Copper		9.6
Iron		105.3
Lead		1.6
Manganese		32.4
Mercury		<0.20
Nickel		<24.0
Silver		<0.2
Zinc		27.3

Metals were sampled on 02/03/93 and 02/10/93

		PQL[b]	Concentrations above PQL	
Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)	ug/l			
Chloroform		5 ug/l	5 ug/l	sampled 02/03/93
Chloroform		5 ug/l	5 ug/l	sampled 02/17/93

Discharge 003 (Reverse Osmosis Pilot Plant) and Discharge 004 (Reverse Osmosis Plant) are inactive outfalls and will be eliminated from the new NPDES permit.

Table 11

NPDES/FFCA Effluent Monitoring (Continued)

Discharge 003 (Reverse Osmosis Pilot Plant) and Discharge 004 (Reverse Osmosis Plant) are inactive outfalls and will be eliminated from the new NPDES permit.

Discharge 005 (Pond A-4) Sampled quarterly; data reported 12/92

Whole Effluent Toxicity[a]

Ceriodaphnia	% EFF to LC_{50}:
Fathead Minnows	% EFF to LC_{50}:

Discharge 006 (Pond B-5) - No Discharge

Whole Effluent Toxicity[a]

Ceriodaphnia	% EFF to LC_{50}:
Fathead Minnows	% EFF to LC_{50}:

Discharge 007 (Pond C-2) - No Discharge

Whole Effluent Toxicity[a]

Ceriodaphnia	% EFF to LC_{50}:
Fathead Minnows	% EFF to LC_{50}:

a Results for whole effluent toxicity are given in percentage of effluent sample that will cause mortality to half the test result organisms within the time frame of the test. For example, >100 percent indicates that 100 percent pure effluent did not cause acute toxicity to at least half of the organisms. A lower percentage LC_{50} (lethal concentration to 50 percent of test organisms) indicates a greater toxic effect since less of the sample is required to observe a sufficiently extensive adverse effect.

b PQL is the Practical Quantitation Limit. It is equal to ten times the Method Detection Limit and represents the quantity at which 70 percent of laboratories can report in the 95 percent confidence interval.

Table 12

Water Sample Results, Nonradioactive Parameters

Walnut Creek at Indiana Street

Parameters		Number of Samples	C Minimum	C Maximum	C Average
pH	SU	13	7.0	8.3	N/A
Nirtates as N	mg/l	13	0.06	5.83	1.61

3.3 Flow

Daily flow data for surface water from the two plant drainage systems (Walnut Creek and Woman Creek) are given in Tables 13 and 14. The current NPDES/FFCA permit requires flow measurement for terminal ponds when discharged offsite (A-4, B-5, and C-2). Other flow data are reported for informational purposes.

Daily flow data for water transferred from Pond B-5 to Pond A-4, for subsequent discharge offsite, are given in Table 15. Meteorological data are given in Tables 16 and 17.

Table 13

Daily Flow Data Recorded at the Walnut Creek at Indiana Gaging Station, Ponds A-4 and B-5

Date	Walnut Creek at Indiana (Gallons)	Pond A-4 (Gallons)	Pond B-5 (Gallons)
02/01/93	No Flow	No Discharge	No Discharge
02/02/93			
02/03/93			
02/04/93			
02/05/93			
02/06/93			
02/07/93			
02/08/93			
02/09/93			
02/10/93			
02/11/93			
02/12/93		No Discharge	
02/13/93	No Flow	20,000	
02/14/93	140,000	1,250,000	
02/15/93	1,040,000	1,050,000	
02/16/93	1,080,000	1,160,000	
02/17/93	870,000	880,000	
02/18/93	1,060,000	1,050,000	
02/19/93	990,000	1,150,000	
02/20/93	760,000	720,000	
02/21/93	1,140,000	1,150,000	
02/22/93	560,000	1,180,000	
02/23/93	1,210,000	930,000	
02/24/93	630,000	910,000	
02/25/93	1,000,000	730,000	
02/26/93	810,000	820,000	
02/27/93	No Flow	No Discharge	No Discharge
02/28/93			
Total	11,290,000	13,000,000	No Discharge

Table 14

Daily Flow Data Recorded at Ponds C-1 and C-2 (Woman Creek)

Date	Pond C-1 (Gallons)	Pond C-2 (Gallons)
02/01/93	225,000	No Discharge
02/02/93	184,000	
02/03/93	161,000	
02/04/93	185,000	
02/05/93	205,000	
02/06/93	223,000	
02/07/93	220,000	
02/08/93	244,000	
02/09/93	266,000	
02/10/93	240,000	
02/11/93	182,000	
02/12/93	196,000	
02/13/93	202,000	
02/14/93	174,000	
02/15/93	149,000	
02/16/93	127,000	
02/17/93	109,000	
02/18/93	162,000	
02/19/93	423,000	
02/20/93	437,000	
02/21/93	196,000	
02/22/93	136,000	
02/23/93	129,000	
02/24/93	112,000	
02/25/93	103,000	
02/26/93	113,000	
02/27/93	169,000	
02/28/93	214,000	No Discharge
Total	5,486,000	No Discharge

Table 15

Daily Transfer Flow Data Recorded for Pond B-5 to Pond A-4

Date	Pond B-5 to Pond A-4 (Gallons)
02/01/93	No Transfer
02/02/93	
02/03/93	
02/04/93	
02/05/93	
02/06/93	
02/07/93	
02/08/93	
02/09/93	
02/10/93	
02/11/93	
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02/14/93	
02/15/93	
02/16/93	
02/17/93	
02/18/93	
02/19/93	
02/20/93	
02/21/93	
02/22/93	
02/23/93	
02/24/93	
02/25/93	No Transfer
02/26/93	470,000
02/27/93	1,074,000
02/28/93	1,066,000
Total	2,610,000

Table 7 - Errata January 1993

Onsite Water Sample Results - Plutonium and Americium

Holding Pond Outfall (pCi/l)

Location	Plutonium-239, -240			Americium-241		
Pond A-4 - No Discharge						
Volume weighted average concentration						
Pond B-5 - No discharge						
Pond C-1						
01/02/93 - 01/08/93	0.001	±	0.001	0.000	±	0.002
01/09/93 - 01/15/93	0.004	±	0.002	0.006	±	0.002
01/16/93 - 01/22/93	0.004	±	0.002	0.000	±	0.001
01/23/93 - 01/29/93	0.011	±	0.003	0.000	±	0.002
Average concentration	0.005	±	0.003	0.002	±	0.002
Pond C-2 - No discharge						
Walnut Creek at Indiana - No Flow						
Volume weighted average concentration						

Table 8 - Errata January 1993

Onsite Water Sample Results - Uranium

Location	Holding Pond Outfall (pCi/l) Uranium-233, -234	Uranium-238
Pond A-4 - No Discharge		
Volume weighted average concentration		
Pond B-5 - No discharge		
Pond C-1		
01/02/93 - 01/08/93	1.31 ± 0.11	0.78 ± 0.07
01/09/93 - 01/15/93	1.18 ± 0.10	0.97 ± 0.09
01/16/93 - 01/22/93	1.20 ± 0.14	0.89 ± 0.11
01/23/93 - 01/29/93	0.84 ± 0.09	0.63 ± 0.07
Average concentration	1.29 ± 0.11	0.82 ± 0.09
Pond C-2 - No discharge		
Walnut Creek at Indiana - No Flow		
Volume weighted average concentration		

4. Meteorology and Climatology

Meteorological data are routinely collected on the plantsite from instrumentation installed on a 61-meter (200-foot) tower located in the west buffer zone at an elevation of 1870 m (6140 feet) above sea level. Meteorological data recovery was nearly 100 percent for February. The frequency of wind direction and speed during February 1993 is shown in Table 16. The compass points indicate the direction from which the wind blows. These frequencies are also graphically represented by a wind rose in Figure 5. The wind rose sectors also represent the direction from which the wind blows (i.e., wind along each sector blows toward the center). Please note that the wind speed class limits have been reduced starting this month, allowing better definition of prevailing light and moderate speeds.

Winds at RFP generally occur from the west through northwest, especially when speeds are greater than 4 m/s (9 mph). At lighter wind speeds less than 4 m/s (9 mph), the distribution of wind direction is more even. Wind speeds greater than 5 m/s (11 mph) from the E sector rarely occur. The distribution of winds during February 1993 was unusually even, with only a relatively modest frequency of strong, large scale winds from the west-southwest-northwest. The scarcity of the strong winds allowed local and regional winds to dominate. North-northeast winds were the most frequent during February. These winds resulted from several Arctic air masses and probably from daytime, thermally-driven South Platte River Valley flows. The relatively high frequency of southerly winds probably resulted from the nighttime, South Platte River Valley drainage wind. The stagnant, Arctic air mass during the middle of February was largely responsible for the unusually high frequency (> 5%) of calm winds.

February 1993 was the fourth consecutive month with much-below temperatures. The precipitation was slightly above normal during February. The first 2 weeks were quite typical, with two weak storms dropping light snowfalls on February 3 and 4 and February 9 and 10. The seasons coldest air mass arrived late on February 14, bringing another light snowfall followed by record cold. The low temperatures plunged to below 0 °F on 3 consecutive days starting on February 15, including -10 °F (-23 °C) on February 16. All of these daily minimum, sub-zero, temperatures were colder than the previously coldest temperature of the winter of -4 °F (-20 °C) measured on January 10. The high temperature of -2 °F (-19 °C) on February 16 was about 45 °F (25 °C) below seasonal

normal. The dense cold air mass caused stagnant atmospheric conditions, resulting in reduced dispersion and a buildup of pollutants. Strong, large-scale winds late on February 18 were able to "scour out" the polluted air mass and produce warming. Another weaker Arctic mass cooled RFP on February 24 and 26. The month ended on a warmer note.

The mean wind speed during February was 6.7 mph (3.0 m/s). The peak gust during the month occurred on February 20, reaching 70 mph (31 m/s). The mean temperature was 24.4 °F (-4.2 °C), or about 8 °F (4.4 °C) below normal. It was the third coldest February at RFP since records began in 1953. The coldest Februaries were in 1964 and 1989; both averaged about 23 °F (-5 °C). The past month was also the fourth coldest for any month ever recorded at RFP. In addition, the past winter (December - February) was the coldest ever recorded at RFP, averaging 27.1 °F (-2.7 °C). The previous coldest winter occurred during 1972-1973 when the temperature averaged about 28 °F (-2.2 °C).

Precipitation was slightly above normal during February, with water-equivalent totalling 0.54 in. (1.37 cm). Snowfall was near-normal, totalling 8.7 in. (22.1 cm). Seasonal snowfall through February was near normal, totalling about 46 in. (232 cm).

Table 16

Rocky Flats Plant Wind Direction Frequency (Percent) by Four Wind-Speed Classes

(Fifteen-Minute Averages - February 1993)

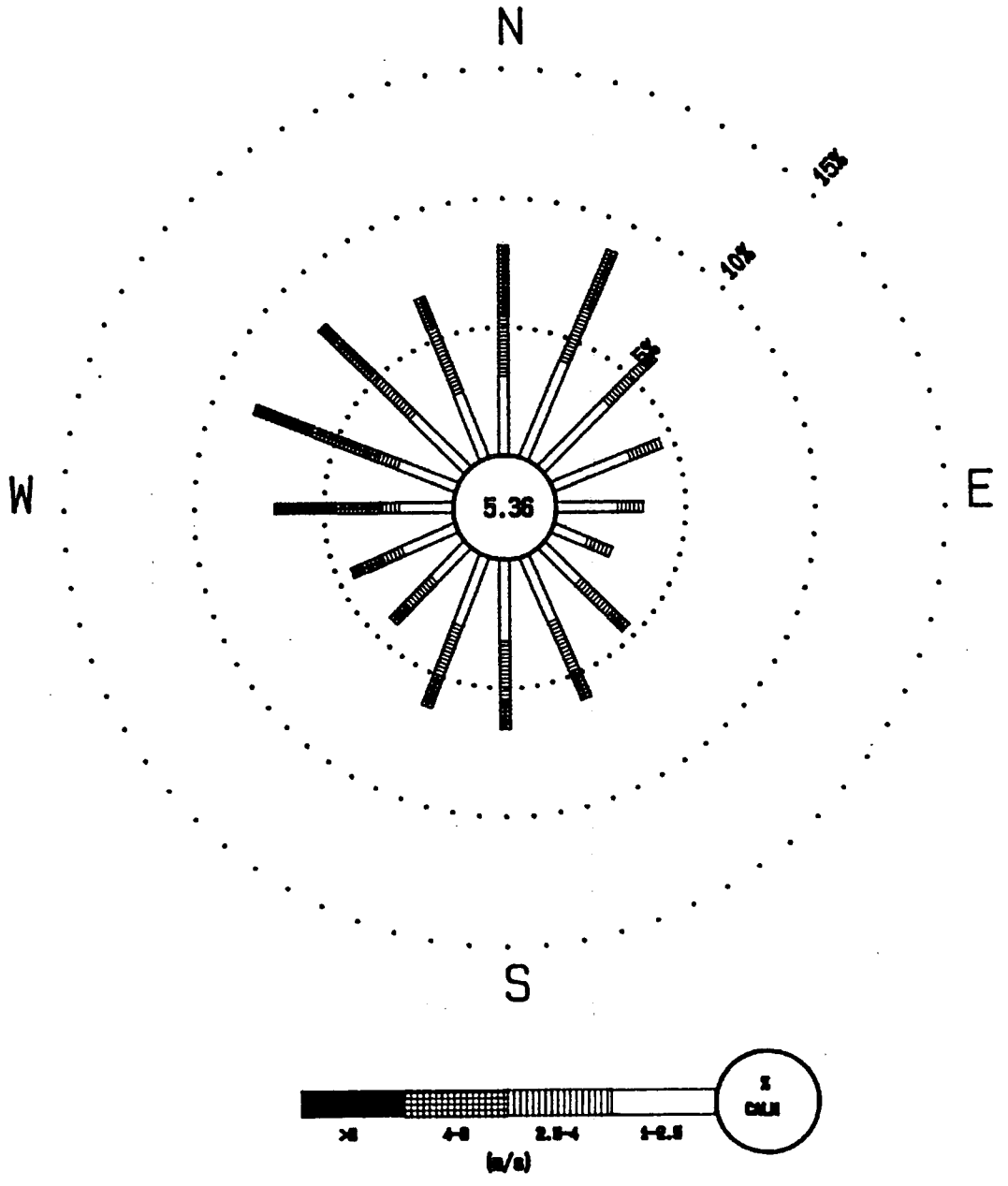
	Calm	1-2.5 (m/s)	2.5-4 (m/s)	4-8 (m/s)	>8 (m/s)	Total
N	-	3.02	2.42	2.83	0.00	8.27
NNE	-	4.10	2.20	2.38	0.00	8.68
NE	-	3.83	2.05	0.41	0.00	6.29
ENE	-	3.24	1.30	0.07	0.00	4.61
E	-	2.38	0.86	0.11	0.00	3.35
ESE	-	1.34	0.97	0.04	0.00	2.35
SE	-	2.01	1.68	0.71	0.00	4.40
SSE	-	2.68	2.05	1.12	0.00	5.85
S	-	3.28	2.23	1.08	0.00	6.59
SSW	-	2.94	2.08	1.30	0.00	6.32
SW	-	1.97	1.49	0.78	0.00	4.24
WSW	-	2.27	0.67	0.67	0.37	3.98
W	-	2.05	0.52	1.75	2.46	6.78
WNW	-	2.35	0.78	2.72	2.35	8.20
NW	-	3.02	2.31	1.94	0.67	7.94
NNW	-	2.68	2.79	1.30	0.04	6.81
TOTAL	5.36	43.15	26.40	19.21	5.88	100.00

Table 17

Climatic Summary

Date	TEMPERATURE (deg. F) High	Low	Mean	DEW-POINT (deg. F) Mean	WIND SPEED (mph) Peak gust Mean	(1 sec)	PRESS. (mb) Mean	SOLAR (kW-h/m2) Total	WATER-EQUIV.-PRECIP. (inches) Peak Total	(15 min)	SNOW (inches) Total
02/01	39.4	25.5	32.5	10.4	5.4	13.6	812	2.99	0.00	0.00	0.0
02/02	40.1	25.5	32.8	10.6	10.1	34.7	809	1.92	0.00	0.00	0.0
02/03	29.3	22.5	25.9	13.1	4.9	15.7	816	1.24	0.06	0.01	1.0
02/04	30.9	20.3	25.6	11.3	3.6	9.8	819	2.74	0.07	0.01	1.3
02/05	45.5	24.8	35.2	9.5	5.8	13.2	818	3.43	0.00	0.00	0.0
02/06	49.8	35.8	42.8	7.7	4.9	11.2	815	3.54	0.00	0.00	0.0
02/07	47.5	32.2	39.9	8.6	6.5	20.4	811	2.93	0.00	0.00	0.0
02/08	39.9	29.1	34.5	15.6	4.5	11.6	808	2.90	0.00	0.00	0.0
02/09	46.4	22.8	34.6	18.5	4.7	12.8	804	2.59	0.12	0.01	1.6
02/10	29.7	11.1	20.4	8.2	8.7	19.2	807	1.56	0.06	0.01	1.2
02/11	25.7	10.8	18.3	5.0	5.6	17.2	808	4.45	0.00	0.00	0.0
02/12	41.7	17.8	29.8	7.0	17.0	49.4	807	3.53	0.00	0.00	0.0
02/13	38.3	21.0	29.7	5.5	8.3	34.9	810	3.77	0.00	0.00	0.0
02/14	30.0	18.1	24.1	3.4	6.3	17.4	807	3.07	0.00	0.00	0.0
02/15	19.9	-5.8	7.1	-10.7	8.5	21.7	805	3.22	0.15	0.02	2.2
02/16	-1.7	-9.6	-5.7	-18.4	4.3	10.5	807	2.69	0.00	0.00	0.0
02/17	24.8	-8.1	8.4	-12.6	3.8	16.1	811	3.90	0.00	0.00	0.0
02/18	50.0	15.1	32.6	11.1	6.3	23.7	809	3.92	0.00	0.00	0.0
02/19	53.2	34.2	43.7	19.0	10.5	43.2	803	3.28	0.00	0.00	0.0
02/20	50.9	31.5	41.2	15.6	15.7	69.6	793	3.57	0.00	0.00	0.0
02/21	33.4	23.7	28.6	-1.5	17.0	49.2	800	3.61	0.00	0.00	0.0
02/22	35.2	15.8	25.5	-0.6	13.2	39.6	805	2.99	0.00	0.00	0.0
02/23	31.8	13.3	22.6	3.7	7.2	18.1	807	3.61	0.00	0.00	0.0
02/24	23.4	16.0	19.7	9.0	3.8	13.2	799	0.95	0.08	0.02	1.4
02/25	19.4	14.5	17.0	7.5	3.4	8.5	805	1.44	0.00	0.00	0.0
02/26	28.8	14.7	21.8	7.2	4.7	12.8	811	3.03	0.00	0.00	0.0
02/27	43.7	18.5	31.1	10.4	5.8	13.0	813	4.59	0.00	0.00	0.0
02/28	49.3	28.0	38.7	14.0	6.3	15.4	811	4.31	0.00	0.00	0.0

MONTHLY TEMPERATURES Mean High	Mean Low	Mean	Dew-point	WIND SPEED Mean (mph)	Monthly Max.	PRESS. Monthly Avg.	SOLAR Monthly Total	PRECIPITATION Total	Monthly Max.	SNOW Total
32.1	16.7	24.4	6.1	6.7	69.6	808.2	85.77	0.54	0.02	8.7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Appendix A

Radiation Standards for Protection of the Public

Calculation of Potential Plant Contribution to Public Radiation Dose

The primary standards for protection of the public from radiation are based on radiation dose. Radiation dose is a means of quantifying the biological damage or risk of ionizing radiation. The unit of radiation dose is the rem or the millirem (1 rem = 1,000 mrem). Radiation protection standards for the public are annual standards, based on the projected radiation dose from a year's exposure to or intake of radioactive materials.

Radiation dose is a calculated value. It is calculated by multiplying radioactivity concentrations in air and water or on contaminated surfaces by assumed intake rates (for internal exposures) or by exposure times (for external exposure to penetrating radiation), then by the appropriate radiation dose conversion factors. That is:

Radiation Dose = Radioactivity Concentration x Intake Rate/Exposure Time x Dose Conversion Factor

Radioactivity concentrations can be determined either by measurements in the environment or by calculations using computer models. These computer models perform airborne dispersion/dose modeling of measured building radioactivity effluents and estimated diffuse source term emissions (e.g., from resuspension from contaminated soil areas).

Assumed intake rates and dose conversion factors used are based on recommendations of national and international radiation protection advisory organizations, such as the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements (NCRP) and the International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP).

Radioactive materials of importance in calculating radiation dose to the public from Rocky Flats Plant (RFP) activities include plutonium, uranium, americium, and tritium. Alpha radiation emissions from plutonium, uranium, and americium are primary contributors to the projected radiation dose.

DOE Radiation Protection Standards for the Public

ICRP-Recommended Standards for all Pathways:

Temporary Increase - 500 mrem-year Effective Dose Equivalent (with prior approval of DOE EH-2)

Normal Operations - 100 mrem/year Effective Dose Equivalent

EPA Clean Air Act Standards for the Air Pathway Only:

10 mrem-year Effective Dose Equivalent

DOE Derived Concentration Guides for Radionuclides of Interest at the Rocky Flats Plant

Air Inhalation:

Radionuclide	DCG (pCi/m3)
Plutonium-239, -240	0.02

Water Ingestion:

Radionuclide (pCi/l)	DCG
Plutonium-239, -240	30
Americium-241	30
Uranium-233, -234	500
Uranium-238	600
Hydrogen-3 (Tritium)	2,000,000

Potential public radiation dose commitments, which could have resulted from plant operations and from background (i.e., non-Plant) contributions, are calculated from average radionuclide concentrations measured at the Department of Energy (DOE) property boundary and in surrounding communities. Inhalation and water ingestion are the principal potential pathways of human exposure.

On February 8, 1990, DOE adopted DOE Order 5400.5, "Radiation Protection of the Public and the Environment," a radiation protection standard for DOE environmental activities (US 90). This standard incorporates guidance from the International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP), as well as from the Environmental Protection Agency Clean Air Act air emission standards (as implemented in 40 CFR 61, Subpart H). Included in DOE Order 5400.5 is a revision of the dose limits for members of the public. Tables of radiation dose conversion factors currently used for calculating dose from intakes of radioactive materials were issued in July 1988 (US88a, US88b). The dose factors are based on the ICRP Publications 30 and 48 methodology and biological models for radiation dosimetry. The DOE Order 5400.5 and the dose conversion factor tables are used for assessment of any potential RFP contribution to public radiation dose. On December 15, 1989, EPA published revised Clean Air Act air emission standards for DOE facilities (US89). DOE radiation standards for protection of the public are given in this Appendix and include the December 15, 1989, EPA Clean Air Act air pathway standards.

DOE Derived Concentration Guides

Secondary radioactivity concentration guides can be calculated from the primary radiation dose standards and used as comparison values for measured radioactivity concentrations. DOE provides tables of these "Derived Concentration Guides" - in Order 5400.5. Derived Concentration Guides (DCGs) are the concentrations that would result in an effective dose equivalent of 100 mrem from one year's chronic exposure or intake. In calculating air inhalation DCGs, DOE assumes that the exposed individual inhales 8,400 cubic meters of air at the calculated DCG during the year. Ingestion DCGs assume a water intake of 730 liters at the calculated DCG for the year. The table on page 40 lists the most restrictive air and water DCGs for the principal radionuclides of interest at the RFP.

Compliance with EPA Clean Air Act Standards

To determine compliance with the EPA air emissions standards, measured airborne effluent radioactivity emissions are entered into the EPA-approved atmospheric dispersion/dose calculation computer model, AIRDOS-PC, for calculation of the maximum radiation dose that an individual in the public could receive from the air pathway only.

For comparison with the annual radiation dose standards for protection of the public, the maximum annual effective dose equivalent that a member of the public could receive as a result of RFP activities is typically less than 1 mrem, or less than 1 percent of the recommended annual standard for all pathways.

Dose Equivalent and Effective Dose Equivalent (EDE)

Dose equivalent is a calculated value used to quantify radiation dose; it reflects the degree of biological effect from ionizing radiation. Differences in the biological effect of different types of ionizing radiation (e.g., alpha, beta, gamma, or x-rays) are accounted for in the calculation of dose equivalent.

EDE is a calculated value used to allow comparisons of total health risk (based primarily on the risk of cancer mortality) from exposures of different types of ionizing radiation to different body organs. It is calculated by first calculating the dose equivalent to those organs receiving significant exposures, multiplying each organ dose equivalent by a health risk weighting factor, and then summing those products. One millirem EDE from natural background radiation would have the same health risk as one millirem EDE from an artificially produced source of radiation.

US88a DOE/EH-0070, "External Dose-Rate Conversion Factors for Calculation of Dose to the Public," United States Department of Energy, Asst. Secretary for Environment, Safety and Health, July 1988.

US88b DOE/EH-0071, "Internal Dose Conversion Factors for Calculation of Dose to the Public," United States Department of Energy, Asst. Secretary of Environment, Safety and Health, July 1988.

US89 United States Environmental Protection Agency, Code of Federal Regulations 40 CFR 61, Subpart H, "National Emission Standards for Emissions of Radionuclides other than Radon from Department of Energy Facilities," Washington, D.C., December 15, 1989.

US90 United States Department of Energy, DOE Order 5400.5, "Radiation Protection of the Public and the Environment," Washington, D.C., February 8, 1990.

Appendix B

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System/Federal Facilities Compliance Agreement Volatile Organic Compounds

The following is a list of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) for which monitoring is required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System/Federal Facilities Compliance Agreement (NPDES/FFCA).

Compound	PQL (µg/l)	Compound	PQL (µg/l)
Benzene	5	1,3-dichloropropylene	5
Bromoform	5	Ethylbenzene	5
Methyl bromide	10	Methyl chloride	10
Carbon Tetrachloride	5	Methylene chloride	5
Chlorobenzene	5	1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane	5
Chlorodibromomethane	5	Tetrachloroethylene	5
Chloroethane	10	Toluene	5
Chloroform	5	1,2-trans-dichloroethylene	5
Dichlorobromomethane	5	1,1,1-trichloroethane	5
1,1-dichloroethane	5	1,1,2-trichloroethane	5
1,2-dichloroethane	5	Trichloroethylene	5
1,1-dichloroethylene	5	Vinyl chloride	10
1,2-dichloropropane	5		

Appendix C

Colorado Water Quality Control Commission Standards

The Colorado Water Quality Control Commission has promulgated new standards for the Walnut Creek and Woman Creek drainages downstream from the Rocky Flats Plant. The EPA has not yet written a new NPDES permit that reflects these standards; however, in the spirit of the Agreement in Principle completed between the DOE and the State of Colorado, the plant is attempting to meet the standards at this time.

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